

# SENATE BILL No. 581

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2-272; IC 16-38-5.

**Synopsis:** Child immunization registry. Requires the state department of health to develop an immunization data registry for individuals who are less than 19 years of age. Requires health care providers to provide a patient's immunization data to the registry unless an objection is submitted to the provider. Allows a patient or patient's parent to: (1) receive a copy of the patient's immunization data; and (2) submit corrective comments. Requires that a patient's immunization data must be removed from the registry not more than one year after the patient becomes 21 years of age. Allows the state department of health to develop guidelines and forms for providers to use in reporting immunization data to the immunization data registry.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 23, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-272 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 272. (a) "Patient", for  
3 purposes of IC 16-27-1, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-27-1-6.  
4 (b) "Patient", for the purposes of IC 16-28 and IC 16-29, means an  
5 individual who has been accepted and assured care by a health facility.  
6 (c) "Patient", for purposes of IC 16-36-1.5, has the meaning set forth  
7 in IC 16-36-1.5-3.  
8 (d) "Patient", for purposes of **IC 16-38-5** and IC 16-39, means an  
9 individual who has received health care services from a provider for  
10 the examination, treatment, diagnosis, or prevention of a physical or  
11 mental condition.  
12 SECTION 2 IC 16-38-5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.231-1999,  
13 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. The state department ~~may~~ **shall** develop an  
15 immunization data registry **to record immunization data on patients**  
16 **who are less than nineteen (19) years of age.**  
17 SECTION 3. IC 16-38-5-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.231-1999,



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1 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 2. A provider ~~may~~ **shall** provide a **patient's**  
3 immunization data to the immunization data registry ~~with specific~~  
4 ~~written authorization of the patient.~~ **unless the patient's parent,**  
5 **guardian, or custodian (or the patient if the patient is emancipated**  
6 **or at least eighteen (18) years of age) objects in writing to the**  
7 **provider.**

8 SECTION 4. IC 16-38-5-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
9 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
10 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. (a) **The department must provide a copy of a**  
11 **patient's immunization data upon the written request of the patient**  
12 **or the patient's parent, guardian, or custodian.**

13 (b) **The patient or the patient's parent, guardian, or custodian**  
14 **may submit corrective comments to the department concerning the**  
15 **patient's immunization data. The department shall add the**  
16 **corrective comments to the patient's immunization data in the**  
17 **immunization data registry.**

18 (c) **The department may not charge a fee for any service**  
19 **provided under this section.**

20 SECTION 5. IC 16-38-5-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
21 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
22 1, 2001]: Sec. 5. **The department shall remove a patient's**  
23 **immunization data from the immunization data registry not more**  
24 **than one (1) year after the patient becomes twenty-one (21) years**  
25 **of age.**

26 SECTION 6. IC 16-38-5-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
27 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
28 1, 2001]: Sec. 6. **The department may adopt guidelines and forms**  
29 **that are necessary to collect immunization data under this chapter.**

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